



Meeting Date: February 18, 2021

Submitted By: Cecilia Davis

Title: Assistant Superintendent of Curr. and Instr.

Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving the STAAR/EOC Test Waivers for the April and May STAAR/EOC Administration for K-8 and 9-12 as presented.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the STAAR/EOC waivers for grades K-8 and 9-12 as presented in order to allow for asynchronous learning days for the students who will NOT be taking the state assessment during the scheduled days. Doing so would ensure that our on-campus students are reduced in number and allow campus administration to coordinate smaller test classes as a measure against the spread of COVID.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

For students in Kindergarten through grade 8 and 9-12, districts may require students who are not scheduled to take an assessment to learn remotely on district-scheduled testing days in order to reduce the number of individuals on a campus at any one time and increase the number of remote students that come on campus to take the assessment. This waiver applies for district-scheduled testing days of STAAR and will be limited to a maximum of five days per administration. The waivers will be considered conditionally approved when approved by the Board of Trustees, and District communication will be immediately sent to parents to inform them early on of the asynchronous learning days during STAAR/EOC days granted by these waivers.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval/Disapproval



Hybrid Instruction During District-Scheduled Testing Days for K – 8th Grade Students Waiver

SECTION I: Requirements

For students in Kindergarten through grade 8, districts may require students who are not scheduled to take an assessment to learn remotely on district-scheduled testing days in order to reduce the number of individuals on a campus at any one time and increase the number of remote students that come on campus to take the assessment.

This waiver applies for district-scheduled testing days of STAAR, TELPAS online assessments, PSAT-8, and ACT Aspire, and should be limited to a maximum of five days per administration. Districts should use other flexibility (e.g., extended windows) to ensure that this impacts the minimum number of students possible. Districts should have a communication plan in place to encourage as many remote students as possible to participate in the assessment.

All waivers will be conditionally approved upon receipt but may be subject to further review by TEA. In the event one of these testing days has already occurred, waivers can be submitted now and approvals can be granted retroactively.

SECTION II: Request

LEA Name & CDN: JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

How many students are learning on campus (by campus name and CDCN)?

School Schools/Number of Students Learning on Campus

015916101	Converse	211
015916102	Hopkins	395
015916103	Ed Franz	135
015916104	Coronado Village	121
015916105	Park Village	212
015916106	Crestview	367
015916107	Woodlake	246
015916109	Olympia	199
015916110	Spring Meadows	218
015916111	Millers Point	357
015916112	Candlewood	323
015916113	Elof	285
015916114	Wm. Paschall	372
015916115	Mary Lou Hartman	277
015916116	Ricardo Salinas	387
015916117	James Masters	268
015916118	Rolling Meadows	325
015916119	Copperfield	320
015916123	Escondido	336
015916124	Wortham Oaks	411

Middle Schools

015916041	Kirby MS	417
015916042	Kitty Hawk MS	483
015916043	Woodlake Hills MS	370
015916044	Metzger MS	381
015916045	Judson MS	435

Please fill out a section for each assessment that this will apply to on the following pages.

STAAR



I certify that one or more campuses cannot assess all students during the district-scheduled assessment days and comply with local health protocols.

List the campus(es) (with CDCN) that this applies to and how many students will be testing at each campus.

Elementary Schools		Middle Schools	
015916101 Converse	253	015916041 Kirby MS	732
015916102 Hopkins	327	015916042 Kitty Hawk MS	1323
015916103 Ed Franz	160	015916043 Woodlake Hills MS	901
015916104 Coronado Village	148	015916044 Metzger MS	1016
015916105 Park Village	182	015916045 Judson MS/ STEM	1309
015916106 Crestview	291		
015916107 Woodlake Elem.	222		
015916109 Olympia	179		
015916110 Spring Meadows	288		
015916111 Miller's Point	25		
015916112 Candlewood	272		
015916113 Eloff	248		
015916114 Wm. Paschall	290		
015916115 Mary Hartman	320		
015916116 Ricardo Salinas	289		
015916117 James Masters	234		
015916118 Rolling Meadows	332		
015916119 Copperfield	352		
015916123 Escondido	248		
015916124 Wortham Oaks	202		

List the specific dates that this will apply.

April (4th Grade & 7th Grade) STAAR Administration:
April 6th, 2021

May Administration (3rd-8th):
May 11, 12, 13, 14 (Elementary)
May 11, 12, 13 (Middle Schools)

Please explain why you cannot assess all students during the district-scheduled assessment days and comply with local health protocols. Include relevant details such as number of staff available.

Judson ISD will need additional classrooms to comply with local health and safety protocols/social distancing guidelines. We are projecting on utilizing additional classrooms and personnel from non-tested grade levels to accommodate our students.

Please describe the district's communications plan to encourage as many students who are remote as possible to participate in the assessment.

District will send a letter to parents explaining the importance of state assessments requirements and the additional measures that will be taken to ensure social distancing guidelines. Assessment information will also be posted on our district, campus/department web pages to include the District Assessment Plan. Campuses will also send out parent information, share the district assessment plan and conduct phone calls to encourage as many students to report for on-campus state assessment participation. We believe these added measures will help increase our attendance during the state assessment as our district had an average of 40 percent absenteeism during the December 2020 STAAR/EOC.

TELPAS Online Assessments

I certify that one or more campuses cannot assess all students during the district-scheduled assessment days and comply with local health protocols.

List the campus(es) (with CDCN) that this applies to and how many students will be testing at each campus.

District is not applying for the TELPAS waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

List the specific dates that this will apply.

District is not applying for the TELPAS waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

Please explain why you cannot assess all students during the district-scheduled assessment days and comply with local health protocols. Include relevant details such as number of staff available.

District is not applying for the TELPAS waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

Please describe the district's communications plan to encourage as many students who are remote as possible to participate in the assessment.

District is not applying for the TELPAS waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

PSAT-8

I certify that one or more campuses cannot assess all students during the district-scheduled assessment days and comply with local health protocols.

List the campus(es) (with CDCN) that this applies to and how many students will be testing at each campus.

District is not applying for the PSAT-8 waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

List the specific dates that this will apply.

District is not applying for the PSAT-8 waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

Please explain why you cannot assess all students during the district-scheduled assessment days and comply with local health protocols. Include relevant details such as number of staff available.

District is not applying for the PSAT-8 waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

Please describe the district's communications plan to encourage as many students who are remote as possible to participate in the assessment.

District is not applying for the PSAT-8 waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

ACT Aspire

I certify that one or more campuses cannot assess all students during the district-scheduled assessment days and comply with local health protocols.

List the campus(es) (with CDCN) that this applies to and how many students will be testing at each campus.

District is not applying for the ACT Aspire waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

List the specific dates that this will apply.

District is not applying for the ACT Aspire waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

Please explain why you cannot assess all students during the district-scheduled assessment days and comply with local health protocols. Include relevant details such as number of staff available.

District is not applying for the ACT Aspire waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

Please describe the district's communications plan to encourage as many students who are remote as possible to participate in the assessment.

District is not applying for the ACT Aspire waiver, only for STAAR and EOC.

SECTION III: Signature

LEA Name	Board Approval Date
JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	2/18/21

Board President Name	Superintendent Signature
Renee A. Paschall	

Submit completed request forms to: waivers@tea.texas.gov

DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2021



REQUEST FOR 40% CAMPUS HYBRID INSTRUCTION FOR 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

SECTION I: Requirements

For students in grades 9-12, school systems may establish a less-than-daily on-campus attendance schedule as the sole offering for students in one or more high school campuses of the LEA in order to reduce the number of individuals on a campus at any one time and increase the total number of students served in an on-campus setting in the LEA. In the event there is not a daily on-campus attendance option in one or more of these grade levels, the LEA must ensure that on-campus attendance is offered as part of the hybrid schedule at least 40% of the days in each grading cycle (typically 6-or 9-weeks periods). Any LEA that pursues this hybrid option while not providing a daily on-campus offering for students who otherwise wish to attend on campus may do so after submitting a waiver request to TEA. All waivers will be conditionally approved upon receipt but may be subject to further review by TEA.

SECTION II: Request

District Name: Judson ISD

First Day School: 8/24/20

Explain the hybrid schedule(s) for the eligible students:

Judson ISD continued offering both face-to-face instruction as well as remote learning to ALL students. The District wanted to offer both options and allow parents to choose the option that best suits their family needs. However, continuing with this option during STAAR and EOC testing days will bear a burden on the district that may prevent it from adhering to social distancing guidelines.

We request that only on the days indicated below, Judson ISD be allowed to provide asynchronous learning to face-to-face learners so that campus administration may use additional personnel to assist in facilitating the STAAR/EOC administration and ensure smaller test sessions are available for students to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

April Administration: April 6th, 8th, 9th, 2021
May Administration: May 4th, 5th, 6th 7th, 2021

In addition, for students who would not be able to stay at home for asynchronous learning on the proposed days, Judson ISD will make provisions to welcome these students and allow them to continue with on-campus instruction. Early communication to parents is key, and will occur after receiving Board of Trustees approval. The communication will include a district letter explaining to parents the importance of sending students to take the state assessment on campus, the additional measures the district will take to help ensure the safety of their children and prevent the spread of COVID, as well as campus communication to parents via letters, phone calls, and district mass communication system.

SECTION III: Signature

District Name	Board Approval Date
Judson ISD	2/18/21
Superintendent Name	Superintendent Signature
Dr. Jeanette Ball	

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